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The President's Daily Brief

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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

SOVIET AFFAIRS

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VIETNAM

Military activity remained light, with only a few sporadic shellings reported.

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There is nothing significant to report from Europe or the Middle East.

II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

LAOS

The government counterattack toward Muong Soui has made some limited gains. Only light resistance was encountered

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in clearing enemy forces from the Route 7/13 road junction some 40 miles west of Muong Soui. The government has also reoccupied its defensive position astride Route 7 at Phou Soung.

The lack of stiff enemy resistance to the initial government moves suggests that the Communists may be more interested in consolidating their hold over Muong Soui than attempting to expand their influence into northern Vientiane Province. Signal intelligence has identified a clustering of North Vietnamese radio terminals near the former neutralist garrison. Preliminary reports indicate that large numbers of North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao troops are dug in near Muong Soui.

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GUYANA

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham is personally involved in strict security arrangements designed to prevent trouble during Governor Rockefeller's visit. Although preventive arrest is illegal in Guyana, police officials have sought out notorious troublemakers and forcefully impressed them with the dire consequences that will surely follow any hostile action.

The most likely spot for trouble, if any develops, is the 27-mile, two-lane road between the airport and Georgetown. Although police have arranged for numerous guards and mobile patrols along its entire length, the crowds of well-wishers that Burnham's party is bringing in from outlying districts may impede the movement of the governor's motorcade.

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